

ATI EVENTS

February 13, 1998

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR:

I'm delighted to announce that Charlotte Marsh has accepted the Office Associate position vacated by Margaret Hile. The working title will be "Administrative Assistant." In her new role, Charlotte will be providing support to Norm, Arnie, Jill Byers and myself. She started February 13.

My apologies to those who were confused regarding campus closure announcements as a result of our February 5 ice storm. Please note page 25 in your ATI phone directory. Rather than continuing the phone calling as in the past, we have decided to use the broadcast messaging and radio information network to alert most employees. This was a difficult storm to call, as was evident by the flurry of school closings that were suddenly called in around 7 a.m. Typically, a decision by this campus is made by 6 a.m. at the very latest. My thanks to Barry Garrod and his staff for spending most of the evening and early morning hours spreading salt in the parking lots. Page 24 in the ATI directory lists various situations which will be edited in the future to include the provision for canceling a portion of the day's classes.

As many of you have already heard, enrollments are up again Winter quarter. Compared to Winter Quarter, 1997, this quarter's enrollments are up 133 students, an 18.9% increase! OSU's Lima campus actually exceeded this with a 19.4% head count increase, while Marion was up 3.2%, Newark was up 3.9% and Mansfield was up 5.7%. Since Winter, 1994, ATI has experienced a 31.9% increase in student head count winter quarters. These numbers are really encouraging; hopefully, we will be able to begin filling some much needed positions in the very near future to better serve this growing student population.

Head counts of female students at ATI vs. last winter quarter increased 32.6% as compared to the male student population, which increased 13.8%. Percentage of female students on campus has risen to 30%. Forty nine percent of our students are freshmen, 30% are second-year students, and 11% are third-year students. Eighty five percent of ATI's students are full-time.

NEWS FROM INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:

Computer Purchases: I know many of you are wondering where we stand on the computer purchases. Rick and I have been reviewing prices and demonstration units and have made our selection. Due to coincidental timing of the Inter University Contract bids we decided to attach our 26 units to the bid quote that the University sent out two weeks ago. This delays our

purchase until the last week of February however, it should get us an even better price than we had quoted to us.

We are specifying a 266MHZ Pentium II 32MB CD ROM, video, network sound cards and speakers. The units will have 17" monitors, however 20 of those will be traded with the monitors in the Pentium lab for CAD purposes.

Chair Purchases: We are pleased to announce that the 25 year old chairs in the Halterman Conference Room have been replaced with burgundy executive conference chairs. In addition, we purchased (5) chairs for clerical, faculty and staff. If you have a worn out chair please let me know and we will replace the worst ones first. I hope to order more chairs during the FY99.

Equipment Surplus Sales: Over the last 6 months approximately \$21,000 of surplus equipment has been sold. This is a great way to clean house and provide funds which can be used for new equipment purchases. However, remember all salvage and surplus items need to receive appropriate University approval before sales can take place. If you or your unit is contemplating sale of equipment, please see Greg Ferrell for the Surplus Release Form and the appropriate process to follow. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Depending on the original source of funds, the dollars from salvage will be issued to the division earnings account, development accounts and/or split with the institute equipment account.

Vehicles: The new state contract for vehicles has just been released and Matt has identified three vehicles for replacement:

- *Van 158 is being replaced by a 1998 Ford Windstar (7 passenger) Mini Van.
- *Sedans 442 and 274 (with combined mileage of over 400,000 miles) are being replaced by two 1998 Ford Taurus.

Orders are being placed this week and delivery should occur in approximately 90 days (May). These are the first fleet replacements we have made in three years. Long overdue, yes!!! We hope to replace the horse truck next fiscal year.

NEWS FROM TECH PREP:

Dee Stewart and Betty Aylsworth visited Gates Mills Horticulture Center to discuss the activities which teachers at Gates Mills proposed as part of the Equity Grant. They are involved in projects to enhance horticulture as a career for women and minorities. We also met with the Junior Class of Tech Prep students. Everyone of them expressed an interest in attending ATI after graduation!

Tom Zimmerman continues to assist Ashland West Holmes Career Center in developing their new Tech Prep Environmental Technologies program. Mark Yoders took the Tech Prep table top display to the Ohio Tree Conference to promote Ohio State ATI and Tech Prep within the industry.

NEWS FROM AG TECH:

Tom Zimmerman will be attending the Th International Drainage Symposium, Orlando, FL. March 8-10, at which he will be a moderator for a session: Water Table Management I. Also while there he will be able to participate in the 8th National Symposium on Individual and Small Community Sewage Systems.

NEWS FROM APPLE CREEK FARM:

Farm staff and students will be attending the following:

- *Farm Show in Louisville KY on February 13 & 14.
- *North American Grazing Conference in Akron on February 16 & 17.
- *Ohio Pork Congress in Dayton on February 20 & 21.

In the Dairy area, there are 36 cows and heifers to calve and start milking for the next couple months. In the Crop area, soil tests are being taken, equipment is being repaired and plans for spring planting are being developed.

The Swine and Nutrition class students are doing a feeding project in the swine nursery and finishing one potato chip project and getting ready to start another.

Beef and Sheep students are involved with the start of calving and lambing. In the beef area, a feeding project in cooperation with OARDC is taking place.

NEWS FROM ARTS, SCIENCE AND BUSINESS:

Roger Baur, Mark Headings, Lynn Anderson Schramm, and a group of Ohio State ATI students represented the Institute at the recent OABA Conference and Trade Show.

Allen Zimmerman is making plans to visit Dublin, Ireland, this summer to make an invited presentation at the 11th International Conference on the First-Year Experience.

Mark Headings recently attended a Pesticide Applicator Recertification Conference at the Columbus Convention Center in order to maintain his certification.

George and Marty Kreps are enjoying the sun in Hawaii.

Mark Headings participated in a recent College International Programming Team meeting in Columbus held on the main campus.

NEWS FROM ADMISSIONS:

Financial Aid Video Mailing: Compliments of Barbara LaMoreaux, we have mailed 150 financial aid videos to a select group of local schools, feeder schools, ag/hort teachers, and the Wayne County Public Library. This new video, made by Ohio State's financial aid office, provides step-by-step instructions for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and identifies common mistakes that many people make while applying for aid. In addition, arrangements have been made for the video to be aired on Clear Picture's cable channel 9 on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m.

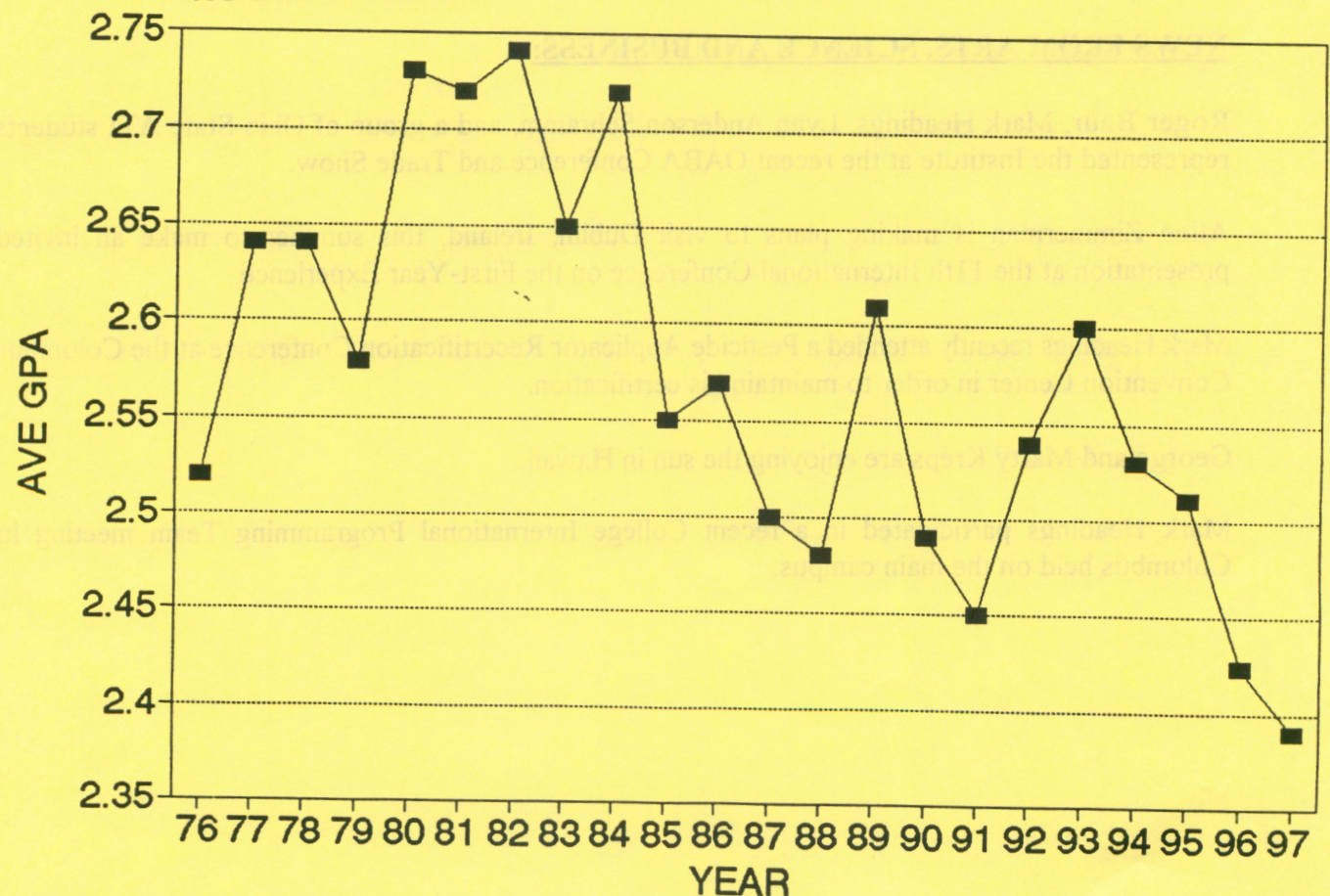
FAES Recruitment Team: On February 17, the recruitment team of the College of FAES will be meeting on our campus. This group, consisting of Ray Miller, Thad Welch, Mark Giese, Pamela Thomas, Nancy Ray, and Jill Byers (with Garry Gibbons' assistance), is seeking to develop a strategic marketing plan for the College and to coordinate recruitment and marketing efforts.

Numbers: We have 319 applications at this point for Autumn 1998, which is 49 more (18.1%) than last year at this time. Acceptance fee payments compared to this time last year are up 30%.

NEWS FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:

INSTITUTE GPA FOR FALL QTR

ROGER'S REPORT 1976 - 1997



NEWS FROM DEVELOPMENT:

ATI GIVING STATISTICS JULY-DECEMBER 1996 COMPARED TO JULY-DECEMBER 1997

	<u># of Gifts</u>		<u>Dollars</u>	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
ATI Alumni	149	136	\$4,823	\$5,019
Other Alumni	59	102	\$8,336	\$7,637
Non Alumni	150	221	\$86,712	\$135,055
Corporations	53	56	\$60,477	\$88,365
Corp/Foundations	1	4	\$50,000	\$54,000
Foundations	2	3	\$11,500	\$13,000
Other Organizations	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>\$62,519</u>	<u>\$36,475</u>
TOTALS	430	536	\$284,367	\$339,551

(Note: Gift-in-Kind contributions of \$114,704 for 1997 and \$45,553 for 1996 are included in the totals above.)

The Secrest Arboretum Volunteers have pledged to endow a support fund for the arboretum over the next few years. Endowed funds generate income every year to support the program; the principal is preserved, so this fund will benefit the arboretum indefinitely. Improvements to the arboretum's physical setting and its programs will strengthen this great resource. Several ATI horticulture graduates are members of this group. The S.A. Volunteers will use some of the proceeds from the Plant Discovery Day (May 2) to start the fund, and they welcome individual contributions from others who enjoy Secrest.

Two other endowed funds for ATI are under discussion, and they will be announced as they become final. Endowing a fund is a wonderful way to pay tribute to an individual, to have a lasting memorial, and to have a company or organization's name associated with ATI permanently. Donors who have established endowed funds at ATI will be recognized during our Silver Anniversary, with a plaque listing their names and funds.

The Campus Campaign committees for ATI and OARDC will meet on Tuesday, February 17 at 10 a.m. in Skou 30. ATI's Co-chairs are Ron Borton and Ray Cline, and they already have some fun promotions planned -- you'll hear more about them soon. Thanks to Ron and Ray for your leadership. Serving on the committee are Jim Carr, Dick Dobec, Jill Gallion, Edna Graham, Mark Headings, Barbara LaMoreaux, Carol Laurich, Shirley Lunsford, Connie Miller, Mark Thompson, and Michelle Wood.

The Class Gift is part of the Campus Campaign, and several students will be starting to organize promotions around campus. Students who intend to graduate in 1998 will be asked to honor their year of graduation with a gift of \$19.98. Faculty may be asked to allow a Class Gift representative to speak for a few minutes in class about this. Students can direct their gifts to their technology or to any program they choose at Ohio State (just like the faculty and staff campaign).

NEWS FROM HORTICULTURE:

Brother, joy to you!

I've brought some snowdrops; only just a few,

But quite enough to prove the world awake.

- Christina Rossitti

If you haven't noticed, there are snowdrops blooming under the green ash tree near the main entrance of Halterman Hall.

I'm sure everyone has noticed the plants in Halterman Hall lobby. Bob McMahon's Interior Plantscaping students designed and installed the plants, and are now maintaining them. They have also done plant installations in the cafeteria and the student lounge. This week you'll see a new arrangement when the students trade areas. **Thank you for such a nice addition!**

Plant materials are being ordered for the next phase of landscaping at Applewood Village. The rest of the turf is scheduled for installation so you should see a nice green carpet by graduation.

Bob McMahon recently did a presentation on "Houseplant Care" for the Olive Branch Garden Club.

Kent Hammond is in the process of teaching seven sessions of a general landscape course within the science program at Wooster High School. This course will be used in the future as a module for other high schools.

On February 23, Ken Cochran will speak to the Rotary Club on "Highlights of the Arboretum."

Gary Anderson will be in Akron on February 24 presenting a program on roses for the Stark/Summit County Extension.

SOME HORTICULTURAL TIPS FOR FEBRUARY

- Order your seeds and plants for your flower and vegetable gardens.
- Discard old tools and supplies no longer useful; sharpen and clean other tools.
- Service your lawn mower.
- Sponge the leaves of your house plants with clean water and fertilize plants that show new growth.

